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ROAD FOR MORA AND HARDING COUNTIES

Representative-elect Stanley A. Foutz of Mora County and Representative-elect A. W. Drake, of Harding County, will introduce in the Legislature, a joint Road Bill that if passed and completed will be of the greatest benefit to both Mora and Harding Counties. The Bill will provide for the completion of a State Highway commencing at the Clayton-Nara Visa Highway east of Rosebud, thence to Rosebud, thence to David thence to Mosquero, thence to Roy, thence to Red River, thence to Wagon Mound, thence to Ocate, thence to Halls Peaks, thence to connect with the Cimarron-Taos Highway.

The opening and completion of this road will mean that some of the finest farming land in both Harding and Mora Counties will be brought to the attention of tourists and home seekers. Harding and Mora Counties are known to be the best dry farming Counties of the State of New Mexico and the opening of a State Highway as proposed by this Bill will mean the bringing in of eastern people to invest and settle on the land.

New Mexico needs more people and more capital, and the way to get more people and capital is not only newspaper advertisement, but good roads. Tourists notice the country they pass through and if favorably impressed they make it known wherever they go. The cost of this road will more than pay interest on the investment to Harding and Mora Counties and the State of New Mexico, in the advertisement this section will receive from tourists, and will mean increase of business for the business men along the proposed highway.

It is hoped that the people of both Harding and Mora Counties will back up Representatives Foutz and Drake and help them put through this piece of legislation.

The putting through of this road will be following the principle of what is known as the "Babcock System" of Highways, that of connecting the county seats of the various counties in the State. It will mean a connection of Clayton, Nara Visa, Tucumcari, Mosquero, Mora Taos, Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Raton.

This road is an absolute necessity to Harding and Mora Counties and must be put through.

PROMINENT MINISTER DROPS DEAD IN PULPIT.

Rev. J. H. Messer Dies While Delivering Sermon Near Tucumcari.

News has been received in Roy that Rev. J. H. Messer presiding Elder of this district for the Methodist Episcopal Church South dropped dead in the pulpit while delivering a sermon at the Plaza Largo school house east of Tucumcari last Tuesday evening.

Rev. Messer has been presiding Elder for many years of the Clayton District and was well known throughout this section of the state and loved by all who knew him. On December 9 and 10 he presided at Quarterly Conference at Roy and preached at the local church here on Sunday the 10th.

Rev. Messer was pastor of the church at Tucumcari for a number of years but recently moved to East Las Vegas where he might be more centrally located in his district.

The funeral took place at Tucumcari last Thursday and burial followed in the local cemetery.

Rev. Messer was one of the oldest workers in the conference and was known and loved by a large number of people of Roy and vicinity who will mourn his sudden death.

Elton Bazzill who is attending the Normal School at Las Vegas is spending the week with his parents Sup't., Bazzill and wife.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS WELL ATTENDED IN ROY

The various programs in Roy were well attended Sunday in Roy practically every place where a program was given, the building was crowded.

The Baptist and Methodist people gave their program together at the Baptist Church. A good program was given during the evening and a fine Christmas tree decorated the church. Santa arrived at the proper time well laden with toys and tried to remember everybody, altho the large church was crowded even to standing room. The program was exceptionally fitting for the occasion and was well rendered by those having a part in it.

The Union Church gave a very interesting program and here too the church was beautifully decorated and a large Christmas tree laden with toys awaited the youngsters at the close of the program. The program was well rendered and showed painstaking work by those who had the matter in hand and everyone present spoke very highly of it. To be sure Old Santa arrived just at the proper time and filled the old as well as the young with Christmas mirth, for why can't every one be young at Yuletide time. The Union Church was filled to overflowing, some not being able to get in the building.

The Catholic Church gave their Christmas tree and program Sunday afternoon and it was well attended and a fine time reported by the many present. They had a beautiful tree for the children. Both were much appreciated by the large crowd present.

We believe Roy celebrated one of the best Christmases that has been our pleasure to experience. Practically everyone in town was remembered and the true Christmas spirit prevailed thruout the town and community.

A cool snap struck this community Monday night but moderated considerably by Tuesday evening.

Mr and Mrs J. E. Busey and son James of Sedan are spending several days at the home of their son Mr and Mrs Ray Busey of this place.

Mr Pete Gibson of the Roy Tin Shop has purchased a fine gasoline pump and will install same in front of his store within the next week and after Jan 1st, will handle gasoline and oils in connection with his present line of hardware and tinware, pumps etc. Mr Gibson has a good location and no doubt will have a good trade in his new line.

PROMINENT SCHOOL TEACHER BECOMES CHRISTMAS BRIDE

Saturday evening, December 23rd, at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr and Mrs Ray B. Carr, occurred the marriage of Miss Anna May Osmond and Willard Z. Lyons. The wedding was a very quiet affair and only intimate friends of the bride were present at the nuptials.

The ceremony was performed by Rev J. A. Foster, pastor of the M. E. Church South of this place. Mr John Whiting and Miss Missouri Gray were the attending witnesses. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding lunch was served by Mrs Carr.

The bride is one of Roy's popular High School teachers and has charge of the Spanish course in the schools here. She came to Roy from Las Vegas where she was a teacher in the Normal there. Previously she had taught in Albuquerque and other cities. Mrs. Lyons old home was in Pennsylvania but she went to Porto Rico in 1910 and was teacher in the Island schools for several years and came to New Mexico in 1918. She holds a life certificate in New Mexico and will receive her A. B. degree next summer. She is an accomplished lady and indeed worthy of the gentleman who has chosen her for his life partner.

Mr. Lyons the groom came from Nashville, Ill., to New Mexico in 1913 and has been in the employment of the El Paso & Southwestern R. R., with the bridge department for several years. He has a fine farm near El Paso and which will no doubt be their future home, altho both the bride and groom will resume their present employment for a while at least. Mrs. Lyons will remain at Roy and Mr. Lyons will be with the E. P. & S. W. with his home at this place.

The Spanish American extends congratulations to the happy couple and wishes them all the joys that go to make a love and happy wedded life.

A REAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Mr and Mrs. F. M. Woodard are rejoicing over the arrival of a little girl which came to their home Christmas eve. Dr. Self reports all concerned doing nicely. This makes a family of five children in the Woodard home and all are as hearty and healthy as can be and Mont is a proud dad.

Prof. W. J. Klopp, Supt of schools at Capitan has been spending the holidays in Roy and calling on dear friends here.

MRS. MARY E. SPEARS PASSES AWAY AT HER HOME IN MILLS

Mrs. Mary E. Spears, wife of Nathan Spears passed away at her home in Mills Thursday morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of six weeks with a complication of diseases. The funeral was held at Mills Thursday evening at 2 P. M. Rev. Fletcher having charge of the funeral; Burial followed late Thursday evening in the Roy Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Spears was born in Jefferson Co. Ill. Feb. 18th, 1858 and was married to James M. Wright in Illinois about 20 years later. In 1900 she and her husband moved to Cement, Oklahoma, where he passed away in 1908, and in 1909 she with her children moved to Roy, N. M. settling on a claim northeast of Roy in the Brand neighborhood and she went thru all the hardships that the earlier settlers endured.

In 1909 she was married to Nathan Spears and for several years they lived in Oklahoma and in 1915 returned to the mesa and has made her home here since that time.

Mrs. Spears was a member of the Christian Church and lived a true Christian life. She was loved by all who knew her and was a friend to everyone. She was of a kind disposition and always had a kind word to speak. It can be said that her life was a pure Christian life.

She leaves to mourn her death besides her sorrowing husband, nine children, nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Three children having preceded her to the Great Beyond. Two having died in infancy and Mrs. Ernestine Bowman who passed away in 1920.

The children surviving are Joe N., Benjamin P. and Wm. A. Wright of Route "A" and Charles T. Wright of Mills. Mrs. Eliza Day and Mrs. Lucinda Lard of Regina New Mexico. Rachel Wright of Route "A" Mrs. Florence Shafer, Postmaster of Mills and Mrs. Elsie Hegarty of Mills.

The Spanish American extends sympathy to the bereaved in their hours of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the relatives and friends who were so kind to us during the sickness, death and burial of our dear mother and wife. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

Nathan Spears and the Wright Children.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE OF ABBOTT MERCANTILE CO.

A fire which was caused by a defective flue, completely destroyed the Abbott Mercantile Company store at Abbott, twenty miles north of Roy, at half past five o'clock Thursday evening. Smoke was first discovered pouring from the attic of the building and before help could be summoned, the entire store was a mass of flames and it was impossible to save anything.

The post office which was located in the store was completely destroyed, as well as such records and stamps that were not in the safe at the time of the fire. The safe had not cooled enough to allow its being opened at the time the S. A. goes to press and Mr. McKee, the postmaster, could not recall just how many of the books were in the safe at the time of the fire.

The store was owned by J. R. McKee of Abbott and the Floorsheim Mercantile Company. Mr. McKee was the active manager of the store as well as being the postmaster at that place.

The loss will probably amount to about four thousand dollars for the stock of merchandise and the value of the building, about fifteen hundred dollars. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January 1st to 26th, very pleasant; only temporary squalls of wind; 27th to 31st, cloudy with frosty or foggy mornings and with little or no moisture.

February 1st to March 1st, will be ideal New Mex. weather and that good old sunshine. However there may be temporary squalls during the first week but they will not amount to much. Very little moisture can be expected during the first sixty days of 1923.

T. H. Polaski, Forecaster. Mills, New Mexico.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Mackey gave a big turkey dinner on Christmas day at their Ranch home near Solano. All of the relatives and friends were present. The home was tastefully decorated and arranged and a large Christmas tree stood in the corner of the library, the boughs were laden with Xmas gifts of every description for every one present.

A big dinner was served along with the turkey and every one feasted to their hearts content. Mrs. E. J. Mills Young from Tucumcari was among those present.

CONTRACT LET FOR REMODELING COUNTY COURT HOUSE

The County Commissioners let the contract Tuesday evening for the remodeling of the County Court House at Mosquero. G. Funk of Tucumcari was the lucky bidder and the cost of the remodeling will be \$21,222.00 which does not include plumbing, wiring or heating.

The bids opened in the morning were all too high ranging from \$24,000 to \$39,000 and as the bonds were for only \$25,000 and a portion of this was used by the architect it became necessary to make some alterations and leave out the heating plant, the bidders were given another chance to bid with the result that Mr. Funk was given the contract.

The old building will be squared up and another story added to the building and a basement dug under the building. Jail cells will be placed in the basement for use until a jail is built. Ample room will be provided for all county officers, and a nice District Court room and Probate court room will be provided besides numerous other rooms, such as grand jury room, witness room etc.

The plans were drawn by Architect Rapp of Trinidad and are well gotten up and the building when completed will be a credit to Harding County.

The contractor will begin work on the building during January and the county officers will be housed in the Kress building while the remodeling is being done.

O. E. S. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Mizpah Chapter No. 47, O. E. S. held their annual installation of officers on Thursday evening December 21st. The following officers were installed for the year of 1923:

Mrs. Belle Kilmurry, Worthy Matron
Richard Kilmurry, Worthy Patron
Mrs. E. F. Henry, Associate Matron
Mrs. T. F. Self, Conductress
Mrs. E. P. Brown, Associate Conductress
Miss Dollie Brown, Treasurer
Mrs. S. E. Paxton, Secretary
Mrs. Aggie Titterton, Chaplin
Mrs. E. W. Paxton, Marshall
Dorothy Gibbs, Adah
Mrs. R. McGuire, Ruth
Mrs. C. L. Justice, Esther
Miss Vivian Dunn, Martha
Mrs. I. C. Dodds, Electra
Immediately after the installation of the officers the ladies served a fine banquet to those present.

Mizpah Chapter is growing steadily and will soon be among the stronger chapters of the state and is one of the leading fraternities of Roy.

Several from Roy attended the Christmas dance at Springer Monday evening and all report a nice time even if Lester did have to walk a few miles on account of car trouble.

A FINE CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT

One of the finest Country Christmas Tree programs held on the mesa was held at Pleasant View by the Pleasant View Union Sunday School last Saturday evening. The Community building was crowded and a fine program rendered. The Christmas tree was loaded with presents and a fine treat was given all present.

The Pleasant View Community is to be congratulated on their progressive spirit, for they have done much the past year to unite the community, having purchased the old Pleasant View school building, established a Union Sunday school and Church and many other useful things.

The committee which had the program and tree in charge wish to thank the public for the aid given them and invites you out to their Sunday School any time it is convenient to be present.

-Our Specials-

2 1-2 lb. Pratt Low plums per can 22 1-2c per can

Dry Goods

Ladies lace and organdie collars and silk underwear at 1-2 price

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